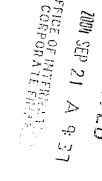


8 September 2004

Securities and Exchange Commission
Office of International Corporate Finance
450 Fifth Street N.W.
Washington DC 20549
United States of America





Dear Sir/Madam,

## RE: WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD. - EXEMPTION FILE NO. 82.2280

In accordance with Rule 12g 3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we enclose a copy of the following Stock Exchange Releases which has/have recently been filed with the Australian Stock Exchange ("ASX") in relation to:

 Drilling Report – Polkadot-1 (WA-313-P), lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 7 September 2004.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could return by fax (+61 8 9214 2728) a copy of this letter as proof of receipt.

Yours faithfully WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD.

Rebecca Sims Compliance Officer PROCESSED

SEP 2 3 2004

>THOMSON

Do 9/23

## **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

(ASX: WPL)

Tuesday, 7 September 2004 12:40pm (WST)





## MEDIA

ROB MILLHOUSE

W: + 61 8 9348 4281

M: + 61 419 588 166

E: rob.millhouse@woodside.com.au

INVESTORS

MIKE LYNN

W: + 61 8 9348 4283

M: + 61 439 691 592

E: mike.lynn@woodside.com.au

## WA-313-P POLKADOT-1

Woodside Energy Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Woodside Petroleum Ltd. and Operator of the WA-313-P Joint Venture, reports that on 7 September 2004 the Polkadot-1 exploration well was drilling ahead at a depth of 3,325 metres. Polkadot-1 is located approximately 30 kilometres north of the Blacktip gas discovery.

Since the last report, drilling continued in the 12% inch hole from 1,427 metres to 1,705 metres where  $9^5/_8$  inch casing was set. Drilling continued in 8% inch hole from 1,705 metres to the current depth.

All reported depths are referenced to the rig rotary table.

Woodside's interest in WA-313-P is 50%. The other participant is Eni Australia B.V. (50%).